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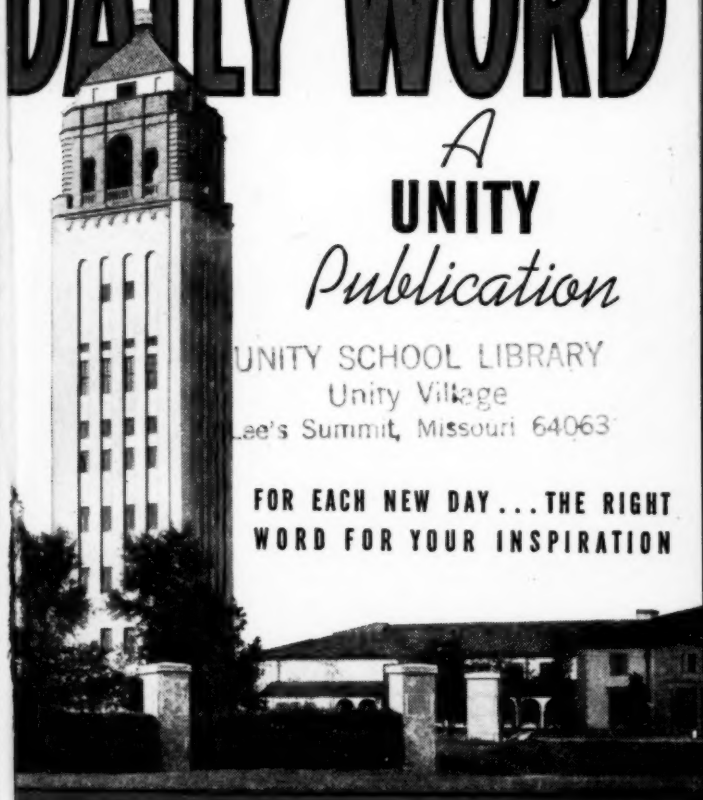
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Daily at 11 a. m. join us in this thought for spiritual illumination:

My understanding of Spirit as the source of my being shines with renewed brilliancy, and I know the Truth.

At high noon each day concentrate your attention on this thought for prosperity:

"Behold, I make all things new." Old things are passed away. I see plenty everywhere. "He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed."

At 9 p. m. each night let us acknowledge the healing power of Spirit with this prayer:

There is born in me this day new life in Spirit, and all my ills disappear. I am a new creature in Christ Jesus.

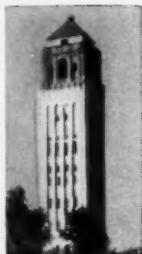
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Stately and tall, as pictured on the cover of DAILY WORD, the Unity Campanile or Prayer Tower directs the traveler to Unity Farm near Kansas City. Even so this little magazine daily directs your steps to the sun-tipped heights in whose glory you behold yourself as a son of God; for such you are.

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Gordon Frantz

Farewell, beloved Old Year!
We're parting company.
Good morning, happy New Year!
You bring great joy, I see.

Among the many blessings
You hold for me to claim
Are all my heart's desires;
I take them in Christ's name.

His love and peace and wisdom
Are mine throughout each day;
His Holy Spirit guides me
In all I think and say.

God bless you, gracious Old Year,
For what you've brought to me!
God bless you, precious New Year,
For what there is to be!

Security Guaranteed

MARTHA SMOCK

WHAT IS security? Is it the feeling that goes with a steady job, a regular income, an expectation of enough to live on in future days? It is true that this is part of what goes to make up a sense of security. However if every employed person in the world were guaranteed his present job and salary for the rest of his life, he would still be far from having security in its truest meaning.

Why? Because security does not come from without but from within. Security springs from an inner assurance of mind and heart and soul. It is the sustained realization of God's presence and power that lifts one above fear of defeat, unhappiness, or discouragement. Security feeds on the wellspring of faith and joy within and keeps one confident, optimistic, and unafraid. It is the reward of abilities and talents well used, of busy hands, of a happy heart, of a nourished soul.

Young people or people past the age that the world calls young who seek their place in life today need have no fear for the future if they can learn first of all not to depend upon a job but

upon God within themselves. The longing for a good job, a good salary, an assured livelihood, is all right in itself. But these things cannot bring happiness or a feeling of prosperity if they are not first earned in consciousness.

Business today, as never before, stands in need of persons who have a fresh outlook, a new vision, and a willingness to learn and to work. Today, as always since the beginning of time, there are those who see only bleak prospects for the workers of the nation, who predict a future without promise of success or achievement. On the other hand, it is the opinion of the majority of business leaders that while in the last decade there have been many changes, the changes have created opportunities. Since there are many new industries, it follows that there is also a need for new abilities and aptitudes.

The point that young people need to learn, or any job holder for that matter, is that they cannot look to an institution, an industry, or the government to guarantee them security and a good living. Disappointment is sure to follow such misplaced trust. But within every person is the Spirit of God that can be depended upon to guide him safely into ways of happy and successful living. The surest guarantee of security in the future is the present realization of the help and inspiration of God within. "God is no respecter of persons: but

in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him."

So much for those looking for work. What about the thousands of employed persons today who feel that they are merely working to earn enough to live on, whose job has gone stale on them? What is their promise of future security?

It is true that there are routine jobs, there are monotonous jobs, there are nerve-racking jobs—if you let them be! What a person is doing is not half as important as his attitude toward his job. A job that is regarded as a monotonous grind cannot but react unfavorably on the worker. The lifeblood of any organization is progress, and progress depends upon the loyalty, interest, and alertness of the individual worker in that organization.

New life and interest can be injected into even the most routine task if it is approached with a new vision. If a worker does not grow beyond routine work, does not constantly increase his ability, does not put into use his talents, does not vision greater aims and finer results, then as a worker he is not worth more than the job is paying him. But if he is a clear thinker, if he is alert to new ideas, if he is constantly growing bigger himself in understanding and tolerance and ability to get along with others, he will find that his work will bring him greater rewards, both financially and in

the form of inner joy in a job well done and a life well lived.

There is no better time than the beginning of a new year to make a new start, to look upon your own particular world from a new standpoint. All over the world people are resolving to begin again. Join them in happy faith, leaving behind you old methods, old ways, and old ideas and putting into your endeavors a new spirit, a new impetus, a new zeal, a new blessing of appreciation and cheerfulness, enthusiasm and rejoicing.

What a man works for is surely important. "Work not for the food which perisheth, but for the food which abideth unto eternal life." If we work merely for a salary check we are indeed getting poor pay. For the money is soon spent and we have nothing to look forward to but another check. But if we can like our work, if we can find soul satisfaction and mental, physical, and spiritual exhilaration in doing it, then the salary is secondary and the inner reward far exceeds the money that we receive.

And the law works here too; for "seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Seek to give expression to the highest and best that is in you in whatever you are doing, and you need not worry about monetary remuneration. It will take care of

itself and it will more than take care of your needs.

There has been a mistaken idea of success instilled in the minds of young persons in years past. The youth "hitched his wagon to a star" and then felt himself a miserable failure if he fell short of achieving his goal. However, the failure lay not in his lack of application or determination, but in a desire to succeed in some popular field for which he had no ability or natural aptitude.

What we need to realize is that each of us can be a success in his own way. All of us cannot expect to do the same kind of work, to fill the same job. But we can every one constantly increase our particular abilities and talents and make the best possible use of them in whatever we are doing. The joy of success, after all, lies in the effort of the individual to better his past efforts, to use his brains and his hands more effectively in the work that is his.

You are a success if you are doing the task in hand to the best of your ability. You are a success if you are constantly growing in understanding, if you are making better use of your talent and creative power. You are a success if you are happy, comfortable, and contented. You are a success if you have found God within yourself, for you have the guarantee of security that nothing and no one can take from you, come what may!

Invocation for the New Year

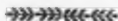
PRISCILLA DRENNEN

Lord, give me wisdom in my heart
That I may live each day
Of this new year in happiness,
With time to sing and pray.
Give me a trustful heart, dear Lord,
That ever looks to Thee;
That will not let me be submerged
In dark anxiety.
Lord, I would have a peaceful heart
That fear nor strife can claim;
I only want to be quite still
And speak Thy precious name.

Lord, I would keep an open heart
That would Thy light receive;
Let me discern what is Thy truth,
Thy holy word believe.
Give me a patient heart, dear Lord,
That knows no will but Thine,
That yields to Thee in willingness
To prove Thy good design.
Give me a loving heart, dear Lord,
That reaches out to bless
And comfort all with friendly cheer
And deeds of kindness.

Thoughts for the New Year

ROLAND G. R. REXROTH



Your Spirit Is Renewed

I will put a new spirit within you.—*Ezek. 11:19.*

Put on the new man.—*Eph. 4:24.*

A NEW YEAR is at hand. It is the rich, boundless gift of Spirit to you. It is rich in opportunity for growth, boundless in opportunity for achievement and service to others.

The new year brings with it a renewal of your spirit. You are lifted up in heart and mind, and at once you begin to envision new opportunities, new fields of service. You behold in yourself hitherto undiscovered abilities. You find new methods of serving others, new ways to solve problems that may arise throughout the year.

Daily you are receptive to new ideas. You are confident, you are bold, you are strong. Forgetting the things that are behind, you push steadily on to the goal of new achievements that you set for yourself.

Your renewed spirit makes you a mighty overcomer of all that would stand in your way. Success attends you each day.

Aspiration

I will set him on high.—*Psalms 91:14.*

Behold the height of the stars, how high
they are!—*Job 22:12.*

Today let your aspiration rise to the farthest star. Let it rest on high, far above any limitations imposed by human, worldly ideas. Let it call you to come up higher, bid you attain the high, exalted state that is the true dwelling place of the sons of God.

Whatever you can aspire to you can attain. The measure of your success is your faith in this truth. God has put it in your heart to aspire to and reach great heights of achievement. Have faith in Him and in yourself and you are certain to reach your goal.

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Let Freedom Be Yours

Proclaim liberty to the captives.—*Isa. 61:1.*

Ye shall be free indeed.—*John 8:36.*

A slave is a slave only so long as he permits his captivity to endure. Today Spirit bids you be free in the name of Jesus Christ.

Christ taught that all men are the free sons of God. They enslave themselves through human beliefs in insufficiency and lack.

In God's kingdom you are free this day. You are liberated from the chains of bondage by claiming your freedom in Christ. You are no longer a prisoner of fear, discontent, or any other negative human emotion. Human beliefs cannot bind the divine Spirit in you when you declare your freedom in Him. Let freedom be yours. Stand forth unbound, free, in the light of God's radiant Spirit.

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The Eternal Light

Jehovah will be thine everlasting light.—*Isa.*
60:20.

I am Jehovah thy God . . . who leadeth thee
by the way that thou shouldest go.
Isa. 48:17.

The light of Spirit is eternal. It is undimmed by human denial of its existence. Its radiant glow suffuses all creation. It is a living force that creates and sustains the world.

If we accept it as such, the light of Spirit is directive. It reveals the way we should follow and points out the course of action that we should pursue.

Let Spirit guide you through every day of the new year. Silently affirm your willingness and readiness to follow His guidance, and the light will shine for you, making your path plain and your way successful.

Blessing the Business

A Prosperity Treatment

THROUGH a higher consciousness in the realization of prosperity you can bless your position, office, home, store, or place of business, putting upon it the seal of success and abundance. No doubt you have seen many places of business where the thought of failure was so strong that you felt it the minute you entered. You had a strong desire to wipe out the adverse belief and establish the thought of prosperity and success. Possibly you have also known those who in good positions have thought and talked against their own interests. Their adverse thought, their belief in failure and lack, finally caused them to lose their positions or to experience failure and lack.

To bless your business you must first enter into that high consciousness in which you can pray. You must enter into the realization that Christ in you is working. You must know that you have within you the power to destroy adverse thought and to establish the thought of Truth.

Let your first work be that of wiping out the beliefs in limitation. Wipe out all belief that your business cannot flourish. Wipe out the thought that persons or circumstances can retard the prog-

ress of your business and that any external influence can keep it from growing and prospering. Wipe out the thought that failure can have any part in your business. Know that it is filled with the presence of Christ, the presence of love and service, the presence of success and prosperity. Realize that all who come to your place of business will bring to it the greeting of prosperity.

Realize that your business is God's business; for so it is. Know that all things are in His keeping and that He is prospering you. Be willing to let Him have all responsibility and to direct you.

Take time each day to bless your work or your affairs. It matters not what you are doing. If you look upon yourself and your work in the right way, you are being blessed whatever you do. The presence of God is ever blessing you.

When you sense any adverse thought in your business, wipe it out through a strong denial. Then make a strong affirmation of Truth, success, and prosperity. Realize that through you God is pouring out blessings upon your business. Realize that He is ever inspiring you with new ideas through which prosperity may be made manifest.

Blessing your business will cause you to look upon it in a new light. You, serving others, prospering yourself, will see God's perfect work being done in you.—*Frank B. Whitney.*

JANUARY 1

Wednesday

TODAY I MAKE A NEW COVENANT WITH GOD: TO SERVE HIM BY SERVING OTHERS.

ON THIS first day of the new year I reconsecrate myself to God, my Father. Because my divine mission is to serve Him by serving His children, I today make a new covenant with God. This is my covenant.

Each day I will pray for the establishment of peace throughout the world.

Each day I will work actively to promote harmony and good will among all men.

Each day I will earnestly endeavor to bring about new and better living conditions for people everywhere.

Each day I will seek to help and encourage others, to inspire in them a desire to rise above their present condition.

I will be steadfast always, because I realize that while outer things may change, the world of Spirit is changeless, eternal. I will seek to instill in others renewed faith that God is good, the loving Spirit in whose love we are infolded.

Father, this is my covenant with Thee. Amen.

✿ *I will make a new covenant.*—JER. 31:31.

Thursday

JANUARY 2

TODAY I AM INSPIRED ANEW BY THE SPIRIT
OF GOD.

THE VERY Spirit of God today blesses me with new inspiration to behold the many opportunities that are mine through Him. Although in the past I may have relied upon God in some degree to show me the way by which I should go, I now turn to Him with my whole heart and mind for instruction.

Only when I am poised in spirit and harmonious in mind can I expect others to be so. I alone can turn the magic key that controls my relations with others. That key is my willingness to let God's perfect will be expressed in my every thought, word, and deed. God's perfect will is love, peace, joy, wisdom, strength, and happiness for everyone. As I express His will I am a radiating center for happiness in the world.

God inspires me anew as I open my mind to Him. He reveals to me hitherto undisclosed ways by which I may help and serve others. I am filled with great joy, and I begin this instant to spread happiness everywhere.

✿ *I have put my Spirit upon him.*—ISA. 42:1.

JANUARY 3

Friday

THROUGH ME THE SPIRIT OF GOD CAUSES HARMONY TO PREVAIL IN EVERY SITUATION.

TODAY I am enabled to be an agent for the establishment of harmony and peace. Because I am conscious of my oneness with God I am strong and courageous, and I exercise good judgment at all times.

In every situation that comes before me this day I behold the activity of the Spirit of God. All differences, disagreements, or factional disputes are brought out into the clear light of Spirit, where they are harmonized and adjusted to the satisfaction and benefit of everyone concerned.

The voice of Spirit speaking through me counsels fair dealing and co-operation in business transactions.

The words that I speak are those of approval, encouragement, and good will. Those with whom I come in contact receive abundantly of the strength and harmony of Spirit that is expressed through me. I am a powerful channel of expression for God, because I am receptive to His Spirit.

☛ *Great peace have they that love thy law.*—PSALMS 119:165.

THERE IS WITHIN ME A MIGHTY SPIRIT THAT
DOES NOT YIELD. I AM INVINCIBLE.

THE MAN of a mighty spirit is he who does not yield to any adversary. Though he may be assailed by destructive forces, overwhelmed by sheer weight of numbers, physically unable to continue the struggle, his indomitable spirit stubbornly, defiantly refuses to yield or even to concede a gain to the enemy.

History is high-lighted by the exploits of the gallant ones who would not recognize defeat. Even though to all appearances their cause was lost, the whole world against them, their dauntless courage would not countenance surrender.

The invincible spirit is sustained by an inner conviction of the certainty of the triumph of right. Though "evil" or the opposing forces may seem to be the victor a hundred times over, the eventual victory is and must ever be with the forces of good. Thus it is in my life. Whatever my "enemy" has been, whatever I have undergone in seeking to cope with it, I know that through the power of the mighty Spirit in me I am victorious.

✿ *This is the victory.*—I JOHN 5:4.

JANUARY 5

Sunday

FATHER IN HEAVEN, THOU ART PERFECT PEACE. IN THY NAME I DECREE PEACE IN MY WORLD, AND IT IS ESTABLISHED.

DEAR Father-God, I know now that the peace I seek cometh alone from Thee. Long have I sought peace in the world, among men, in the quiet places that are close to Thee. I have not found it there, but here in my heart, in the secret place consecrate to Thee, it dwells eternally. Thou alone art perfect peace.

Thy peace pervades me, Father. In Thine holy presence every anxious thought is stilled, and I rest in the perpetual assurance of Thy love. I am calm, poised, strengthened, renewed, revitalized by Thy Spirit. I am thankful to Thee eternally.

Father, I would have all men be at peace. Because I know that peace is Thy will for all mankind, I am ready to follow Thy guidance, Father, in helping to establish it. As Thy son I know that I have dominion over my world and all that is in it. Therefore in Thy name I decree, "Let peace be established in the world and all the lands thereof." It is done, and I rejoice.

♣ *He maketh peace in thy borders.*—PSALMS 147:14.

Monday

JANUARY 6

THE EVERLASTING LIGHT OF SPIRIT ILLUMINES ME WITH DIVINE UNDERSTANDING.

THE LIGHT of Spirit is everlasting, everywhere present, and everywhere active. It awakens every man to his divine nature, and reveals to him his potential power to express all the spiritual gifts that are his from the Father.

Human understanding is dark until it is illumined by the light of Spirit. It is then transformed into divine understanding which takes account only of the real, the true, the lasting. Divine understanding is never impeded by considerations of weakness, inability, selfishness, or other negative human conceptions. It is supremely cognizant only of good.

Today I open my mind to the inflow of Spirit light. This light reveals to me that the imperfections that I have beheld in myself and others are nothing. Through my newly illumined understanding I am enabled to see their true perfection. Today the light of Spirit shines through me and blesses everyone with whom I come in contact.

✿ *The Lord shall give thee understanding in all things.*
—II TIM. 2:7.

JANUARY 7

Tuesday

GOD DIRECTS ME TO SPEAK ONLY WORDS THAT ARE STRONG, POSITIVE, AND CONSTRUCTIVE.

“THE WORD of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword.” Because I am a son of God my words are dynamic, radiant with divine power to build up or to destroy.

I am careful not to misuse this divine power by speaking words of fear, weakness, or lack. I am careful to avoid words or expressions of criticism or faultfinding. I am careful under God's guidance to use the power of the word rightly by speaking words of love, strength, life, and encouragement.

Since my words are living words imbued with dynamic Spirit power, I speak them confidently, assuredly, knowing that they accomplish their intended mission of establishing the good. At every opportunity I give wise counsel, knowing that my words bless the one to whom they are spoken. At every opportunity I praise God for His mercy and loving-kindness. I speak Truth, and Truth is established. According to my word it is done.

✿ *I . . . have spoken it, and I will do it.*—EZEK. 36:36.

Wednesday

JANUARY 8

I AM UNDISTURBED BY HUMAN FEARS, FOR I KNOW THAT I AM A TRUE SON OF GOD.

THE MAN of a steadfast and calm spirit is he who has mastered his human fears. He faces the world of affairs with assurance, because he has awakened to his divine potentialities. He is undisturbed by any mental turmoil, for he is in command of his mind and spirit.

The person who is truly poised is in complete control of himself at all times. He is not swayed by self-interest, nor is he disturbed by phantoms of fear that might frighten another. Firm as a rock he stands, meeting every human experience steadfastly, masterfully, victoriously.

Because he is steadfast and confident others take courage from his splendid example. They seek to emulate him, and in so doing they discover for themselves the inner power through which they have dominion over all things in their life.

Say with conviction: "Today I am truly poised. Nothing has power to disturb me, for I am in control. I am a true son of God, and the master of every situation." So is it.

❁ *Fear not; for I am with thee.*—ISA. 43:5.

JANUARY 9

Thursday

TODAY I RISE OUT OF ALL DEPRESSION AND DISCOURAGEMENT, FOR GOD EXALTS MY SPIRIT.

THE MAN who is spiritually illumined knows that the source of many human ills is in a negative state of mind. The first step in healing either a disordered mind or an infirm body is to cast out worry, fear, and their ilk and replace them with faith, joy, and exaltation.

Depression and discouragement cannot persist in a mind that is filled with joy and a genuine, heartfelt appreciation of God's many blessings. If you would have a sound mind in a sound body, you can have it. Live in the present; exercise your dominion over your thought world, and permit only positive, constructive thoughts to occupy your mind. You are in control.

Today acknowledge the power of God working in and through you to lift up your spirit. Let Him exalt you, make you joyful, wise, and courageous in heart and mind. Let His divinity in you shine forth in all its beauty. The Spirit of God is with you always, and you cannot fail.

✿ *Now will I lift up myself.*—ISA. 33:10.

Friday

JANUARY 10

I AM STRONG IN THE LORD, AND HIS WISDOM
AND GOOD JUDGMENT GOVERN ALL MY
DECISIONS.

WE SHOULD never make a wrong decision, for we have always at our command God's wisdom and good judgment. Petty jealousy, selfishness, resentment, and other negative factors often influence our judgment so that it is adverse to our highest good. When we invoke the strength of God and let His wisdom and good judgment be expressed through us, our judgment in deciding matters is right and perfect.

In the many human contacts that we make throughout the day we are continually called upon to make decisions. Often they involve many other persons. Hence it is imperative that we let God's wisdom guide us so that the decisions we make may be just to everyone concerned.

When we are strong in the Lord our sense of right and justice is sure; we are instantly enabled to decide rightly any problem. God's wisdom and judgment are expressed through us this day.

♣ *A man's judgment cometh from Jehovah.*—PROV. 29:26.

JANUARY 11

Saturday

GOD IS MY STRENGTH. THROUGH HIM I ACCOMPLISH MIGHTY WORKS.

THE QUALITY of strength is admired by every one of us. We glory in physical strength, we admire the person who has great moral strength, we revere as a saint the person who has proved that his spiritual strength is of superlative degree.

It goes almost without saying that little of lasting value to the human race has ever been accomplished by weaklings. The strong men, whether their strength was physical, mental, moral, or spiritual, or a combination of these, have shaped the course of human history.

Our reverential admiration and love goes out to the strongest One of all men: He who overcame every human temptation, and did not quail when the supreme sacrifice was demanded. The same strength that enabled Jesus Christ to do His mighty works is available to us today. He acknowledged God as the source of His strength and power, and God is eternal. Let the strength of God be in you today! "Be strong in the Lord."

✱ *The Lord Jehovah is my strength.*—ISA. 12:2 (A. V.).

A New Year Prayer

Bertha M. Russell

With soul enrapt with wonder and with awe
I waited at the door of this new year
That I might gaze upon it ere a flaw
Had marred its perfect days through human fear

Yet no long vista of a year of days
Could I behold. The same fair morning star
Gleamed from the zenith, and the pale dawn had
Like misty banners had been flung afar.

I stood in silence so my heart might pray
Its prayer of thankfulness that I could see
Not many days at once but one new day:
How else could I desire eternity?

But one day at a time, Lord, I would live
And live so well that when the evening star
Demands its day, I shall be glad to give
It back well used, yet still without a scar.

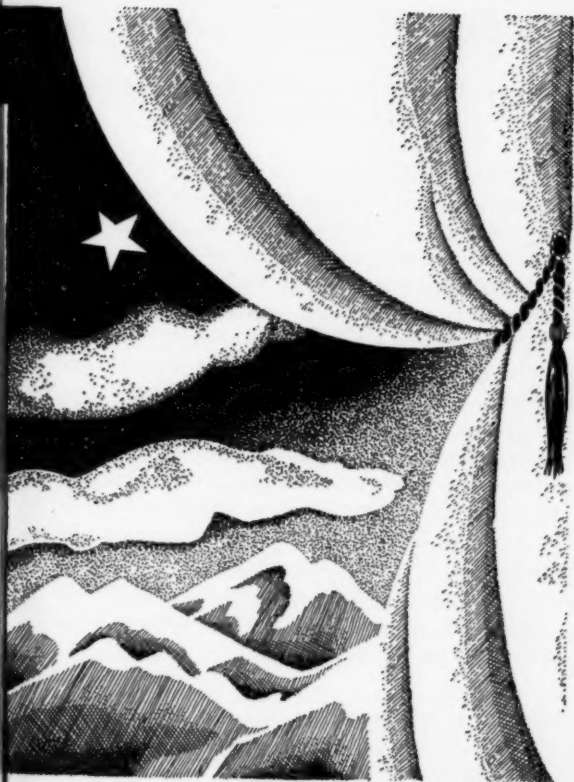
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Sunday

JANUARY 12

O LORD MOST HOLY, I AM GRATEFUL FOR THY
LOVING-KINDNESS TO ME.

LOVING-KINDNESS is one of the splendid attributes of God that is expressed both in and through us. When we see a man who is truly Godlike in character, we are impelled to call him Godlike because he is loving at heart and exhibits loving-kindness in all of his dealings.

The Psalmist praisefully acknowledged God's loving-kindness: "How excellent *is* thy loving-kindness." "Thy lovingkindness is better than life." Again he assured us of the benefits that accrue from living according to God's law: "Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me."

Like him we are impelled to declare our gratitude to God for His great loving-kindness. In thankfulness of heart we affirm our gratitude, knowing that our word of praise and thanksgiving is mighty to increase our consciousness of the loving-kindness of God.

*It is a good thing to give thanks unto Jehovah,
And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;
To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,
And thy faithfulness every night.*

—PSALMS 92:1, 2.

JANUARY 13

Monday

NEW LIFE SURGES UP IN ME TODAY, AND I
AM VITALLY ALIVE.

THE LIFE that is from Spirit is expressed through me this day. I feel it flow into my body, permeating every cell with healing, harmonizing energy. Through this Spirit life I am enabled to accomplish every task that is mine to do this day.

I am no longer subject to weakness or fatigue, for abounding vitality is mine. I meet every situation with assurance and poise. Because the new life of Spirit is expressed through me, I inspire in others renewed strength, and a sense of rightness and well-being.

Because I have abounding vitality I do my work rapidly and well, and I have ample time for relaxation and pleasure. I have time to consider new ways for making my work more effective, of securing more work to do, of enlarging my field of service, of making myself more helpful to my employer and those with whom I work. New interests in life attract me, and I daily grow in wisdom and spiritual stature. I am vitally alive.

✱ *In Christ shall all be made alive.*—I COR. 15:22.

Tuesday

JANUARY 14

TODAY I CONSECRATE AND DEDICATE MYSELF
TO THE SERVICE OF THE FATHER.

TODAY I am assured of perfect success because I realize that I am in God's service. I have been commissioned by the Father to carry on His work, to help establish His kingdom here on earth. As I perform each task today, I am about my Father's business, doing His work cheerfully and lovingly.

My part in His plan is one that I can fulfill every moment of my time. Wherever I am, whatever I am doing, I am in His service. My possibilities are unlimited because I am endowed with divine ability. Innately I am a genius, and God holds me responsible for this gift of His and for the work that He has given me to do.

I rise to dominion in my own consciousness. I think and speak constructively. My hands, my feet, my mind, and my heart are consecrated to the Father's service, and I willingly do His will. In a spirit of steadfastness I establish God's kingdom in my world now.

❁ *Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?*
—LUKE 2:49 (A. V.).

JANUARY 15

Wednesday

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS MY HEALER.

HEALING is the greatest need of humanity today. Underlying all outer or material needs is the great human need for healing, for reconciliation or at-one-ment with God, the Father and Creator of all.

When man begins to realize that he is a son of God and that within him is the spiritual power that can adjust and transform every difficulty in human affairs, he becomes a mighty agent for the establishment of God's kingdom.

Whether the outer need be for more abundant health, for greater prosperity, wisdom, or harmony, the Spirit of God is the healing source from which the need is met. Deep in every human heart the Spirit dwells, infinitely loving and tender, ready to "spring forth speedily" when we call it into activity through prayer and meditation. Let our prayer be positive, faith-filled, and the mighty power of Spirit at once sets about establishing for us that for which we pray.

Today I pray with conviction, "God is my health," and I am illumined and healed.

✿ *I am Jehovah that bealeth thee.*—EXOD. 15:26.

Thursday

JANUARY 16

TODAY I RECOGNIZE THE GOOD IN ALL MEN.

THOUGH MEN may call each other evil, I know that whatever the appearance of evil may be, it must needs be transitory; for only the good is permanent and lasting. I steadfastly refuse to give power to evil by according it my recognition. I do not expect injustice or injury from any source. Instead I recognize the good that is innate in everyone, and the appearance of evil vanishes, for it is nothing.

I declare the living Truth that all men are sons of the one everliving God, who is good. Therefore only the good is real and true.

Today if I am called upon to deal with others who may appear to be unjust, I at once declare the falsity of the appearance, and I affirm resolutely that only the good can prevail. Because I withhold the power of my thought from the appearance of injustice, it disappears. All my dealings then proceed in order and harmony, and everyone is blessed and benefited. I have truly "overcome evil with good."

♣ *Be of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord.*—PHIL. 2:2.

JANUARY 17

Friday

GOD'S LOVE IS A WELLSPRING OF JOY WITH-
IN ME.

TODAY I am joyful. There is within me the spirit of joy that bubbles up and splashes over onto everyone whom I see. Joy is expressed in every word I speak. My joyful spirit uplifts and blesses those about me.

I recognize new opportunities for spreading joy in the world. Since I know that joy is God's love in expression, I let my joy communicate itself to those about me, and they in turn become joyful so that their joy inspires others.

My prayer throughout the day is "Let joy be expressed in all that I think, say, and do."

Because I am joyous under all conditions I find that my work is easier and that I can do it harmoniously and well. I can help and encourage others. The words that I speak are vibrant with joy. They are filled with healing power, and they lift up those who are discouraged and unhappy.

I am unified with the spirit of universal joy and a mighty power for good in the world.

♣ *My heart rejoiced in all my labour.*—ECCLES. 2:10 (A. V.).

THE SPIRIT OF THE EVERLIVING GOD WITHIN ME DIRECTS ALL MY ACTIVITIES.

EACH DAY of our life is filled with pulsing activity. Every waking moment we are active both physically and mentally. Even when we are at rest from perceptible physical motion we are breathing, and our mind is ceaselessly active.

Every form of activity in which we are engaged can be divinely directed if we will have it so. God does not arbitrarily control us either physically or mentally. If He did we should be mere automata, living on the plane of the scientists' mechanical men or robots, and without incentive to progress. God, divine principle, has given us freedom to act as we will. We can accept His wise direction and achieve success easily and naturally, or we can do things the hard way by following our vacillating human judgment.

Today you can choose the way you will go. You can say, "I know what I am doing, and God doesn't need to show me anything," or you can say humbly, "Father, I am ready and willing to accept Your direction." Which way do you choose?

✿ *Guide me with thy counsel.*—PSALMS 73:24.

JANUARY 19

Sunday

TODAY I MEDITATE UPON THE LOVE AND
GOODNESS OF GOD.

THE MAN who first said, "Love is what makes the world go round," expressed one of the great truths of Being. Love is the divine force that creates, upbuilds, sustains, and energizes the universe. We learn through meditation that love is God in expression; that what we call goodness in others is God expressing Himself through them.

God's love and goodness are never apart from us. We find this assurance many times in the Scriptures: "The lovingkindness of God *endureth* continually." "Surely [His] goodness and mercy shall follow me." "Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God."

Today I recall to mind all the many evidences of God's love for me that have come into my life. I am filled with a thankful spirit that reaches out to bless God and all the human channels through which His love and goodness have been manifested to me. God bless everybody!

♣ *Good and upright is Jehovah.*—PSALMS 25:8.

Class Thoughts _____

TO BE USED FROM

January 20 to February 19

These affirmations, known as the Unity class thoughts, are composed by Charles Fillmore for the purpose of providing central ideas upon which Truth students everywhere may concentrate during the month. You are invited to use them with us not only at the hours specified but whenever you have opportunity.



At 11 a. m. use this thought for

ILLUMINATION . . . *The Spirit of truth sings a new song in my heart.*

At 12 noon use this thought for

PROSPERITY . . . *All-Providing Good renews daily its spiritual substance, and abundance is manifest in me and my affairs.*

At 9 p. m. use this thought for

HEALING . . . *A new consciousness of Spirit wholeness fills my mind and overflows into my body.*



The lessons on the following three pages are based upon these class thoughts.

JANUARY 20

Monday

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH SINGS A NEW SONG IN MY HEART.

IN MY heart a new song is heard, a heavenly song of gladness, rejoicing, and praise. Tenderly yet triumphantly the voice of Spirit sings, proclaiming the beauty, joy, and loving-kindness that are mine in Truth.

In this mystical hymn of praise unto the Lord who made heaven and earth I am exalted. In this exaltation my mind expands to encompass a new understanding of the infinite splendor of God's kingdom. I realize anew that the kingdom of God is not far away, but is in my heart. Angel voices join the Singer in His holy song, and it rises in a veritable crescendo of joy until the very ethers vibrate in harmony with it.

This celestial harmony, this song of the Spirit, is eternal. As I attune myself to it it becomes more precious to me, more a part of me, and I am joyful forevermore.

✿ *Be filled with the Spirit . . . singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.—EPH. 5:18-20 (A. V.).*

Tuesday

JANUARY 21

ALL-PROVIDING GOOD RENEWS DAILY ITS SPIRITUAL SUBSTANCE, AND ABUNDANCE IS MANIFEST IN ME AND MY AFFAIRS.

THE SPIRITUAL substance of God, from which all things are formed, is limitless. Even though every prayer of every man for riches were to be fulfilled and to become manifest this instant, there would be no depletion of substance.

In the 22d chapter of Genesis we find that Abraham named the place where he sacrificed the ram Jehovah-jireh, "Jehovah will provide." One of the truths that is symbolized in this story is that supply is always at hand to meet every need, no matter how desperate the situation may appear to be. However we must have the faith that it is so, for faith is the key to the manifestation of abundance.

God, all-providing good, daily renews the spiritual substance that He gives us to meet our human needs. Even though we may appear to exhaust the outer supply, the invisible abundance is just as great as before. By the power of our faith we call it forth into manifestation in our life.

✿ *Our inward man is renewed day by day.*—II COR. 4:16.

JANUARY 22

Wednesday

A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS OF SPIRIT WHOLENESS FILLS MY MIND AND OVERFLOWS INTO MY BODY.

DO YOU find yourself faced with the problem of overcoming a condition of ill-health? Then turn at once to the Holy Spirit that dwells within you and let its healing, comforting presence infuse you with a new consciousness of wholeness.

Healing perpetually flows forth from the Most High in a mighty stream. Through the Holy Spirit, the divine spark of God that dwells within us, we can make contact with the healing stream and permit it to flow into us, harmonizing and revitalizing our mind and body.

Today let your mind be opened to a new realization of healing. Let it "receive the Holy Spirit," acknowledge the Spirit wholeness that fills it and overflows into your body, permeating every atom and cell with abounding, invigorating life and health. Today you are filled with the Holy Spirit of life and health. Let a new consciousness of Spirit wholeness fill your mind and your body.

✿ *Walk in newness of life.*—ROM. 6:4.

Thursday

JANUARY 23

I SEE AS GOD SEES, I JUDGE AS GOD JUDGES,
AND HIS LAW OF PERFECT JUSTICE IS FUL-
FILLED.

THE GOLDEN RULE is a concise statement of how the law of cause and effect operates. Since the law is unvarying, we know that every motivating cause produces a result after its kind. It is summed up in the axiom "Like begets like," love calls forth love, joy begets joy.

What we see in others is true of ourselves. As we judge others so we judge ourselves. If we see others as weak, deficient, selfish, cruel, opinionated, or harsh we are letting these negative qualities be expressed in our own life. God sees only perfection, hence if we see as He does we likewise see only perfection.

God's judgment is righteous because it is not based on shifting standards of human thought and conduct. When we judge as God judges we gauge every situation, every human reaction, by God's perfect law of justice, which is above human law. As we invoke it in our affairs we are enabled to deal justly with everyone and to receive justice.

✿ *Jehovah is a God of justice.*—ISA. 30:18.

JANUARY 24

Friday

BECAUSE I HAVE GREAT FAITH IN GOD IN ME,
I AM VICTORIOUS IN EVERY UNDERTAKING.

FAITH is the dynamic spiritual power by which we are enabled to do mighty works in the world. Where faith is strong and steadfast, there can be no failure, for faith is triumphant over every difficulty.

Sometimes we express doubt as to the extent or potency of our faith. We may even declare that we have no faith. Nevertheless it is a universal truth that every man who is born of God is divinely equipped with faith. Though it may seem to us weak and ineffectual at times, yet this inner faith is capable of performing miracles when we call upon it for any purpose.

Today your faith is strong. Through Spirit it is strengthened immeasurably. You have great faith in God and in yourself as a son of God. You realize that because you have this great faith you can accomplish any purpose, attain any goal. No adverse condition can bar your way, for your faith is mighty to overcome it. Yours is the victory.

✱ *This is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith.—I JOHN 5:4.*

Saturday

JANUARY 25

THE LORD GOD'S CREATION IS PERFECT. TODAY I REALIZE THAT I AM A PERFECT BEING IN A PERFECT WORLD.

GOD'S CREATION can be described in a single word: perfection. Every expression or manifestation of His Spirit is perfect in essence. If it appears otherwise to us, then we need to gain greater understanding in order to comprehend the true reality.

Since I am a creation of God, I am therefore perfect in every phase of my being, spirit, soul, and body. I am a vehicle for the expression of God's Spirit of perfection in the world. To human sense the world is imperfect, filled with lack, suffering, poverty, and discord, but in my spiritual understanding this dark picture is dissolved and the bright, shining world that is God's perfect creation is revealed.

I am surrounded by eternal beauty. I am veritably immersed in spiritual splendor. I dwell in heaven, the realization of perfection, now. Glory to God in the highest!

♣ *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*—MATT. 5:48 (A. V.).

JANUARY 26

Sunday

IN THE STILLNESS OF GOD'S HOLY PRESENCE
I FIND REST, PEACE, AND CONTENTMENT.

WHEN I turn to the holy presence of God within me I am at once relieved of all human tenseness. All pressure of worry and anxiety leaves me. His Spirit pervades me, and I become calm and peaceful. There is perfect stillness in my heart, for God dwells there.

In the stillness of God's holy presence I commune with Him in silent prayer. No word is spoken; none is needed, for His all-encompassing wisdom knows my every desire, my every thought. I release my spirit into His keeping and rest in Him. Here is the contentment that I have sought in the outer world. I am truly at peace.

As I commune with God my spirit is renewed. New life begins to permeate every cell of my body. I am endued with new strength and power. There comes to me the assurance that I can triumphantly surmount any obstacle. But most precious of all, I know that rest, peace, and contentment are mine always because God dwells within my heart.

* *Commune with your own heart . . . and be still.*
—PSALMS 4:4.

Monday

JANUARY 27

I UNFAILINGLY DISCERN THE GOOD THAT IS
MINE THROUGH CHRIST.

WRITING to the Corinthians, Paul said: "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned." One definition of the word discern is "to lay hold of with the understanding."

True discernment requires that we use our mind's eye to see the reality or the good that underlies any adverse situation. The natural man, who judges by the outer appearance and according to accepted human standards, deems it foolish for us to affirm health when we are sick, or to say that we have plenty when our pocketbook is empty. Yet the truth is the exact opposite of the appearance. In Spirit our health is perfect and our supply is abundant.

Turn your spiritual vision toward the good that lies before you. Health and wealth are yours.

✿ *We have received . . . the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*—I COR. 2:12 (A. V.).

JANUARY 28

Tuesday

I BEHOLD THE CHRIST IN EVERYONE.

WRITING to the Ephesians, Paul said: "*There is one body, and one Spirit . . . one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.*" There is in every man a spark of the divine that unifies him in Spirit with every other man.

In His creation of man God has not purposed many expressions of Himself, but rather a single expression that is capable of many varying degrees of development. Man is God in manifestation, but he has the power to choose how much of his divinity he will manifest.

It is our privilege as sons of God to behold the divine Christ self that dwells in everyone. This perfect self is unaffected by the outer, mortal experiences of life. It is incorruptible, eternal. To the degree that we recognize it as abiding in others we permit it to become manifest in ourselves. When we behold Christ in everyone we meet, whether friend, competitor, or passer-by, we in effect recognize our own divine nature and let it shine out as a light to guide others.

♣ *Christ is all, and in all.*—COL. 3:11.

Wednesday

JANUARY 29

I AM MINDFUL OF GOD'S MANY BLESSINGS,
WHICH ARE MINE EACH DAY.

I AM mindful, God my Father, of Thy gracious love for me, which is manifested greatly in the gifts that come from Thee. Joy and peace and wisdom are possessions that I prize, and I use them to Thy glory. I am understanding, wise.

Thou hast given me a heritage of spiritual wealth, and in me dwells Thy perfection, which is manifest as health. I am joyful, strong, and steadfast through each moment of the day, knowing Thy rich Spirit guides me and directs each word I say.

Thou hast made a world of beauty and intrusted it to me. I am mindful that Thy presence dwells in me eternally as the mighty Lord of glory, Jesus Christ, Thy holy Son. All Thy children are my brothers, and in Spirit we are one.

Loving Father, I am thankful for Thine ever-present care, and I rest in Thee forever, knowing Thou art everywhere.

* *As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.*—PSALMS 125:2 (A. V.).

JANUARY 30

Thursday

I KEEP MY VISION HIGH, FOR I KNOW THAT
GOD IS IN ALL AND ABOVE ALL.

OVER AND over the Scriptures remind us to keep our vision high, to lift up our eyes that we may behold the glory of God and the majesty of His handiwork. God is said to dwell "on high," which is a symbol of the loftiest conceptions of the mind.

If we lower our spiritual eyes but for a moment we permit the darkness of human conceptions to becloud our vision, which should always see only the true, the eternal, the perfect. As sons of God we are charged with the responsibility of keeping the high watch, of looking always for the good and true in all men.

Impaired eyesight is the outer manifestation of lowered spiritual vision. Its restoration requires that we lift our inner eyes above any negative human ideas and keep them resolutely upon the "high places" of Spirit. God is in all and above all, and we must lay hold of this truth with every ounce of energy that we possess.

✿ *Lift up your eyes on high, and see who hath created these.—ISA. 40:26.*

I PRAY, "THY WILL BE DONE," AND GOD'S GOOD WILL IS ESTABLISHED IN MY LIFE.

HAVE YOU been inclined to pray, "Thy will be done," with a sort of pious resignation in the expectation of meeting disappointment and frustration? Have you believed that God's will for you is a state of affairs that will cause you to be dissatisfied or unhappy?

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Christ taught us that God is a loving Father, and surely a loving God's will cannot be otherwise than good for us. If we believe that God purposes suffering and lack for us, His children, we are wrong. What He truly wills for us is the fruits of His love: joy, wisdom, peace, health, plenty.

Begin today to let this new understanding of God illumine your mind. Learn to pray, "Thy will be done," in a spirit of joyous expectancy, knowing that the result must be good because God Himself is good. Every day throughout this new year affirm that you are one with God's good will, and abundance of every good thing will unfailingly be yours.

• *The will of the Lord be done.*—ACTS 21:14.

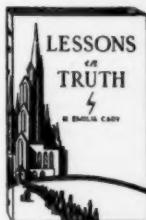
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